Rosemont Copper Project Cooperating Agency Special Topic Meeting Mitigation Lands

12/02/2010 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM Federal Building 300 West Congress Tucson, Arizona

Meeting Notes

Mitigation Lands Concept Facilitators: Debby Kriegel and Larry Jones

Discussion:

Participants:

USFS Coronado National Forest

USDI BLM

USDI Fish and Wildlife Service

State of Arizona Game and Fish Department

⇒ State of Arizona Geologic Survey

Tohono O'odham Nation

Town of Sahuarita

SWCA

Westland Resources

Handouts:

- ⇒ Agenda
- Established ground rules for sub-team discussion on this topic
- Contrasted mitigation lands concept with land exchange requirements
- Tohono O'odham Nation representative suggested seeking lands that preserve significant cultural resources through a partnership with *Archeological Conservancy*, which has available information on potential candidate areas.
- Larry Jones described biological mitigation and replacement, including comparison of resource specific desirable criteria for identification of candidate sites
- Fish and Wildlife Service representative suggested the group define next steps, process, and considerations
- Tohono O'odham Nation representative requested consideration of development or conservation rights, in addition to ideas for outright purchase
- Arizona Game and Fish representative described potential candidate sites of interest
- ⇒ Group discussed the merits of wildlife corridors and linkages between large, contiguous habitat blocks
- Discussed next steps process to identify candidate sites
- Discussed use of geospatial mapping and displays
- Arizona Game and Fish representative provided a map of modeled linkages available at corridordesign.org
- Next meeting scheduled for January 12, 2010



